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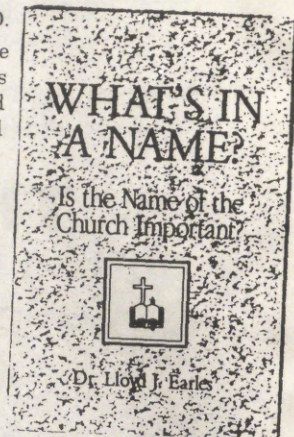
## Book Review

*"WHAT'S IN A NAME?" Is the Name of the Church Important?* written by Dr. Lloyd J. Earles. Th.D.

Dr. Earle's response cites many examples where religious-minded persons have carried false doctrines to millions of lost souls throughout the world. The gospel can only be that taught by the apostles in scripture and sanctioned by Christ. How can one determine if a doctrine is false? If it is not found in the Bible, it's false. If the Apostles didn't teach it,

it's false. It is impossible to come to the right conclusion with false information. As a result, false teaching cannot save. Better to be safe than sorry. There will be no corrections accepted on Judgment Day. The soul you save may be your own.

This 52-page paperback book can be obtained from Vantage Press, Inc. 56 West 34th St. New York, NY 10001



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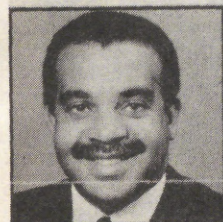




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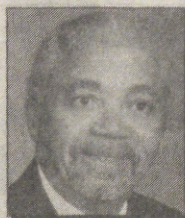


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# The plane... the plane... (or how I spent my summer vacation)

By SHELLECE JEANNETTE EARLES



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Hooray, here he is!



Mr. President would  
you take a photo with  
my friend, Tina Choudry?  
Thank you!



Hey, don't push - he'll get to you, too!



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After going to 2 different interviews, the first at the New York Restaurant School and Concorde School of Hair Design. In Sept 98, she decided that Concorde School of Hair Design would be her best choice. Upon graduation she plans to open her own salon in New Jersey. "It's Christ that gives me strength, my family and teachers gave me a lot of support."

With new classes beginning on November 1st, you could be one of many individuals who have found a career in cosmetology to be rewarding. The school offers financial aid to those who qualify and is part of the world renowned *Natural Motion Educational Program*. Concorde will also help students obtain a GED diploma through a special program to those who are in need of a high school diploma. The school has now expanded to include two buildings and numerous time schedules to accommodate the individual who would like to move on in life to a professional career.





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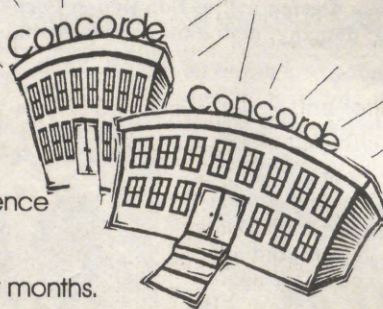
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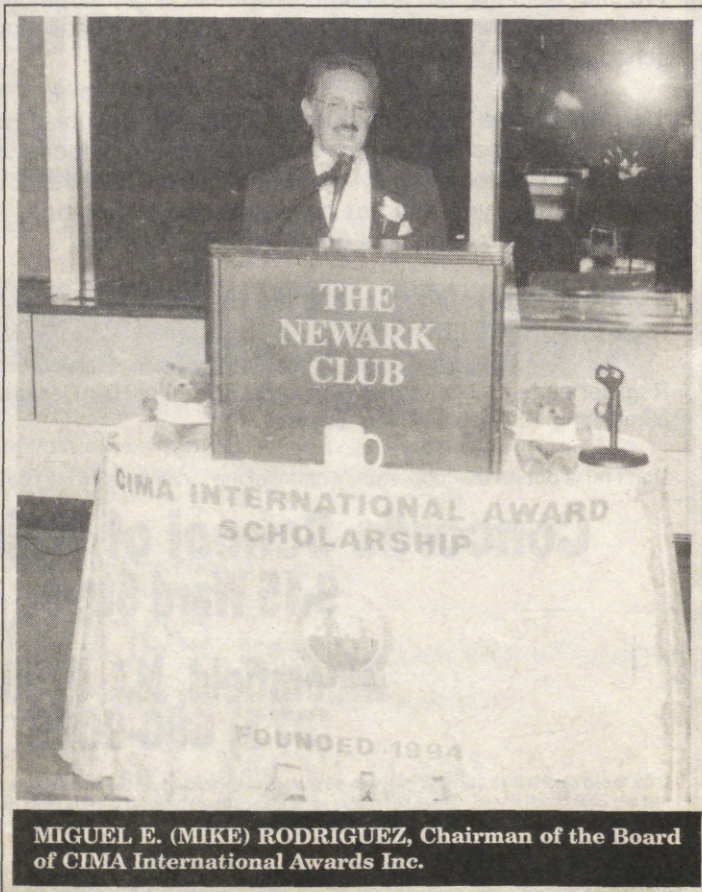
Offer based on first time students only with 85% attendance throughout the entire course. If attendance requirements are not met this offer is null & void. This offer is only good toward the November 1, 1999 1200 Hour Cosmetology Class. This offer is only valid upon completion of 1200 Hour Cosmetology Course.



## *CIMA International supports student achievement in communications at gala affair*

NEWARK, NJ – Three students attending New Jersey colleges and universities received scholarships to further their careers in the field of communications at this year's Communication International Marketing Awards, Inc. (CIMA). The awards took place during CIMA's sixth Awards Banquet, which was held at the Newark Club on October 1, at 6:00 PM. "CIMA was proud to present scholarships to the 1999 recipients," says Mike Rodriguez, president of CIMA's Board of Directors. "This year's trio," adds Rodriguez, "have earned the honors by achieving academic excellence in communications and journalism at their respective schools. A few hundred guests, which included corporate and media representatives, supported the Friday evening event and heard keynote speaker, Ralph Nieves, manager, radio stations WADO-AM (1280) and Latino Mix. WCAA-FM (105.9). Malin Falu, On-Air personality from radio station WADO served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. "Over the years," continues Rodriguez, "the CIMA event has recognized communications and media professionals for their outstanding achievements in their respective field. They serve as role models for our Latino and African American communications students." The 1999 student scholarship recipients are: Isis Fernandez, a senior at Rutgers University, New Brunswick; Elizabeth DeJesus, attending Union County College; and, Rachelle Jones, attending Seton Hall University. The \$1,000 scholarships, that were presented to the students for the 1999-2000 school year come were derived from proceeds of this annual event. "It is our goal to raise the level of funding that will provide four-year scholarships to outstanding students," says Dr. Eida Berrio, chairperson of the CIMA scholarship committee

and dean of students at NJIT. "It is vital that we help students be prepared for the challenges in the new millennium," Berrio adds. "In this rapid-paced 'information-age' it is vital that our media professionals reflect accurately the diversity that exists within today's society. CIMA aims to fulfill its mission by providing the financial assistance to encourage students to achieve career goals in communications." The CIMA gala's co-sponsors included Bell Atlantic, Prudential Insurance Company, Anheuser-Busch, Channel 41-Univision, and radio station Latino Mix. CIMA International Awards,



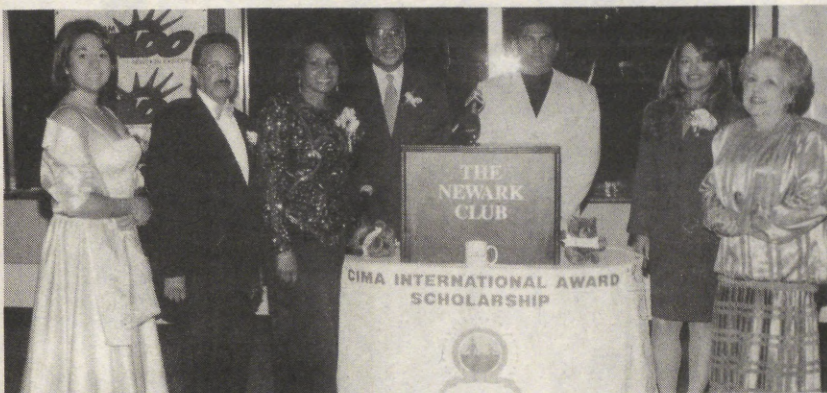
**MIGUEL E. (MIKE) RODRIGUEZ, Chairman of the Board of CIMA International Awards Inc.**



Photos by Jim Rodriguez, 1999



**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS OF 1994: (l to r) JOAM MARTINE** (the first Latino to receive the CIMA scholarship); **MIKE RODRIGUEZ**, Board Chairman; and **RICHARD SMITH**, (first African American to receive the CIMA Scholarship).



**ANA CABAN, MIKE RODRIGUEZ, EIDA BERRIO, DON VIAPRE, DORIS ORTIZ, IRIS MARTINEZ and MIGUEL A. RIVERA** at the CIMA Internations Awards Gala Affair.



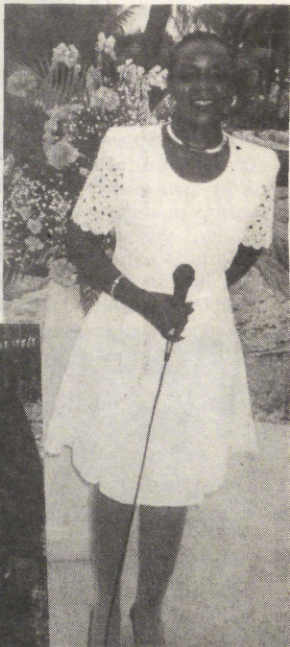
**CIMA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS OF 1999: (l to r) ELDO BERRIOS, Ph.D., Dean of NJIT; ISIS FERNANDEZ, ELIZABETH DE JESUS, RACHELLE JONES, MIKE RODRIGUEZ, Chairman of the CIMA Board.**



# A Wedding to Remember

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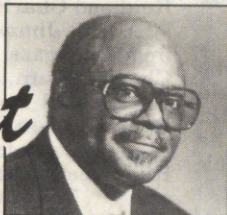
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He was a 40-year veteran of the Modern Jazz Quartet who played with Dizzy Gillespie, Ray Charles and John Coltrane among others.

## ELLA MAE MORSE, 75

*music influenced rock 'n' roll*

Her hit song "Cow Cow Boogie" helped establish Capitol Records as a major label and had an important influence on rock'n' roll. Ella Mae Morse, blended blues, boogie-woogie, swing and country into her own unique sound.

## DEACON T.J. HUFF, 73

*Teacher, church leader*

Deacon Huff was a ordained deacon, dean and instructor at the Gilmore Memorial Bible Training Institute, an affiliate of the Gilmore Memorial Church of God in Christ, Deacon Huff devoted over 40 years to the Paterson church.

## RICHARD L. BLAND SR., 80

*Housing official*

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## PAUL ERDMAN, 74

*Owned two taverns*

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## ESTELLA PERRY, 102

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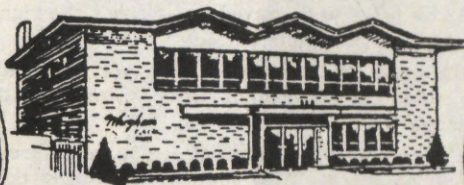
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# Strictly JAZZ!

By JOE THOMAS  
"THE COUNT"

Count Basie will always be revered as one of the most prolific contributors to jazz. But one must add: Count Basie gave the word simplicity a new meaning.

"The Count" was able to be cogent, concise and succinct. To be more musically specific; Count Basie played (for the most part) few notes on the piano. But these notes were played at precisely the right time in exactly the right place!!

This natural ability was marvelous to behold. Here was a man who could speak "volumes" with only a few words!!

Count Basie's big band offered so many great musical pleasures. They could swing out of this world. The arrangements were incredible. The way the band interpreted the music was simply "great". But, they did more, they entertained!

The brass section had its "choreography," a synchronized movement of the mutes and horns. They had a song or two that the whole band would "sing" a few words. They would stand up and sit down on "cue". They showed me that it is the quality of music you're listening to that makes a difference as to whether it is too loud or not. One could sit within "tables-length" of the Basie band when it was going 'full-tilt' and still not feel "bombarded," whereas one can sit before some 4 or 5 piece groups and fear for ones hearing. (I confess that this may be a subjective view.)

Enter the late great Joe Williams. There are many things in life I may never experience. But thankfully, this was not one of them. Ernie Wilkins' arrangement of "Ev'ryday I have the blues" was a classic!! One could become completely engulfed in Count Basie's music. I will "fall-short" if I don't mention "Lil' Darlin'." We all know that one!!

Every era has its champions. I know the likelihood of "Big-Bands" returning to the popularity they enjoyed a whole ago is not about to happen again in my lifetime but thanks to people like Frank Foster, John Faddis and Wynton Marsailas (to name a few) we still have in our midst, that incomparable sound of the ages; The Big Bands!! "The Duke." "The Count."

Keep Jazz Alive!!!

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

OCT. 23rd - Remembering WeSelves: Black Renaissance in Harlem written by Amiri Baraka

OCT. 23rd - National Council of Negro Women, Inc. - Newark Section 45th Year Anniversary presents Women's Health 2000 Forum. A special lecture on "Women and Uterine Fibroid". Contact G. Zellars, Chairperson 973-484-1072.

OCTOBER 27th - Essex County Democrats Annual Fall Dinner that will be held at Robert Treat Hotel, tickets are \$150. each. For more information, call 973-622-8300

NOV. 7th - 44th Annual Founders' Day Brunch of The North Jersey Unit National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Inc. at 10:00 a.m., Newark Airport Marriott. Donation \$45.00

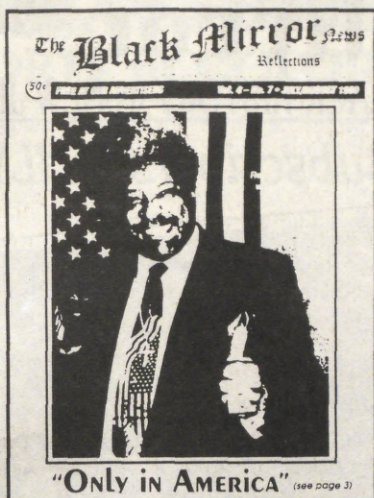
NOV. 13th - The Giles Family Evening of Elegance to Benefit The United Negro College Fund in Memory of William R. Giles. The Legacy Continues... 7:00 pm-Midnight Grand Ballroom of The Sheraton Tara, Parsippany Hotel. Donation \$175.00 per person. Strictly Black Tie

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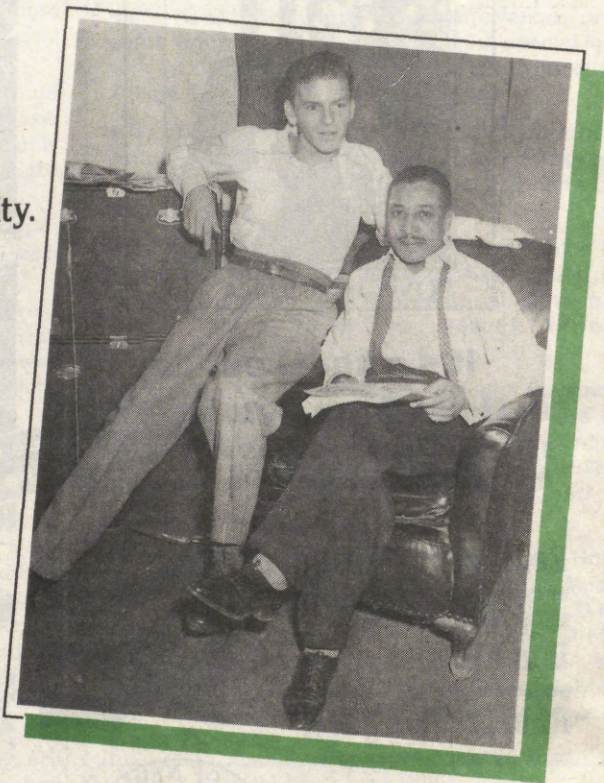
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Venus Williams (l) and her sister Serena

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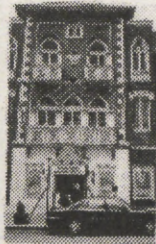
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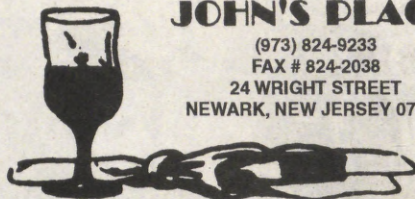
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## CITY NEWS

April, 1999

### Black and Latino lawyers stand defiant against police profiling

By Carl Chase  
Staff Writer

**EAST ORANGE** — Leaders of the Garden State Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association stood together recently to condemn the rampant use of profiling by law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

"As officers of the court, we are appalled at the continued denial by the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey and the leadership of the New Jersey State Police that illegal racial profiling has been and continues to be practiced by some state police officers," the group's president, John E. Page, said in a press conference in East Orange on April 14.

"In fact, figures from the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. House Judiciary Committee indicate that 72 percent of drivers pulled over for routine traffic stops are African-American," he added. "However, African Americans make up only 14 percent of the national population. The evidence is clear and overwhelming."

"As citizens of the United States and residents of the State of New Jersey, we know that racial profiling exists. In fact, it lessens us and debases us as citizens," he said. "Many of us, whether male or female, have been personally stopped while driving on the highways and in the neighborhoods of this state where we live and work. Our children have been stopped. We have personally suffered the indignities of being stopped by police officers for no reason than driving while black or driving while brown."



Attorney Ronald Thompson of the Garden State Bar Association member Regina Waynes Joseph's personal account of illegal profiling. The group will offer free help to victims through a toll-free number.

Hispanic Bar Association President Ramon De La Cruz added, "The facts and statistics regarding racial profiling are clear and convincing to us."

Indeed, more than a half-dozen members recalled their own gut-wrenching experiences on the wrong end of police incidents often led only to embarrassment for cops and a bitter sense that black citizens, no matter how law-abiding or well-accomplished, continue to be viewed by some as the police officer's natural target.

Raymond Hamlin, attorney of exonerated former murder suspect Terrance Everett (proven innocent of killing Police Officer Joyce Carnegie), recalled an example just three weeks old.

Hamlin and his wife, Urban League of Essex County Execu-

tive Director Zoraya Letlin, were stopped in the Mercedes by a Hazlet police officer just because the window tinted. He produced and lashed law forbidding stops for window tint, before the police had him and inconvenienced the Hamlin and his wife. They were quite upset, he definitely ruined our evening.

He seemed emotion when he added, "My son, year-old Raymond Jr., the back seat, and he a -What's wrong, Daddy wrong?"

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